

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information retrieval system for providing information concerning a driving and criminal record of a driver stopped for a traffic violation to a law enforcement officer. The system includes a card reading device for scanning data stored on a magnetic strip of a driver's license, a processor for analyzing the scanned data and a monitor for displaying the analyzed data. A transmitter wirelessly transmits the scanned data to a central station and a receiver receives an information signal from the central station concerning a person identified by the scanned driver's license. A printer is connected to the processor for printing a ticket concerning a violation committed. The received information signal is displayed on the monitor for viewing by the officer. The card reading device includes a first key for activating the transmitter to transmit the scanned data. The card reading device further comprises a transmit alert key for activating the transmitter to transmit the information signal to police vehicles within an area and an offense transmission key for transmitting a data signal indicative of a traffic offense committed, wherein the central station prints and mails a traffic ticket to the person identified in the driver's license.